

performing, but he will not be entitled to any compensation under his contract during that period. This modification will not apply to the option year of a player's contract or, in the absence of an option year, to the last year of a player's contract.

## ARTICLE XIX

### SQUAD SIZE

**Section 1. Active List:** For each regular season beginning in 1977, the Active List limit will be 43 players per club. This limit may not be reduced by the clubs for the duration of this Agreement; provided, however, that individual clubs may from time to time carry less than 43 players on their Active Lists during the regular season.

**Section 2. Pre-Season:** The pre-season cutdown dates and active player limits on such dates will be as determined by the clubs. In the event the clubs make a determination during the term of this Agreement that they wish to institute a "down-and-up" once during the pre-season, they may do so, provided that the active player limit may not be reduced below 40 at any time during the pre-season and the Active List limit must return to 43 by the start of the regular season.

**Section 3. Inactive List:** For each regular season beginning in 1977, the Inactive List limit will be two players per club. This limit may not be reduced by the clubs for the duration of this Agreement; provided, however, that individual clubs may carry less than two players on their Inactive Lists during the regular season.

**Section 4. Moves:** There will be no limit on the number of moves between the Active List and the Inactive List during the regular season. A player who is moved to a club's Inactive List from its Active List will continue to be paid at his full salary rate. A free agent who is signed onto a club's Inactive List during the regular season will be paid at the minimum salary rate of \$15,000 per year for whatever period of time during the regular season he is on the Inactive List. A player placed on the Inactive List will sign an NFL Player Contract for the year in question, but will not be required to sign a future contract.

**Section 5. Definitions:** The terms Active List, Inactive

List and other player categories will be defined as in Appendix A attached to this Agreement.

## ARTICLE XX

### OFF-SEASON TRAINING CAMPS

Section 1. **Number:** Each club may hold a maximum of one mandatory off-season training camp for veteran players. If a club hires a new head coach after the end of the regular season, that club may hold two additional voluntary off-season training camps for veteran players. There is no limitation on the number of off-season training camps a club may hold for rookie players.

Section 2. **Length:** No off-season training camp may exceed three days in length, plus one day for physical examinations. If possible, off-season training camps should be scheduled for weekends and not in conflict with previously scheduled meetings of the NFLPA Board of Reps or the annual NFLPA convention.

Section 3. **Expenses:** Any veteran player who attends an off-season training camp will receive meal allowances in accordance with Article XXIII, Section 1 of this Agreement, plus all travel expenses to and from the camp. In addition, the club will provide housing at off-season training camps for players coming from out-of-town.

Section 4. **Contact:** There will be no contact work or use of pads (helmets permitted) at off-season training camps.

Section 5. **Injuries:** Any player injured in a club's off-season training camp will be protected in the same manner as if injured during the club's pre-season training camp.

## ARTICLE XXI

### PRE-SEASON TRAINING CAMPS

Section 1. **Definition:** For purposes of this Agreement, a "rookie player" is defined as any player who has not completed one season in which a year of Credited Service under the Bert Bell NFL Player Retirement Plan has been earned, and a "veteran player" is defined as any player who has completed one or more seasons

in which a year of Credited Service has been earned under such Plan.

**Section 2. Room and Board:** All players will receive room and board during the pre-season training camp.

**Section 3. Rookie Per Diem:** A rookie player will receive "per diem" payments at the rate of \$200 per week (\$225 per week in 1978; \$250 per week in 1979; \$275 per week in 1980; and \$300 per week in 1981) commencing with the first day of pre-season training camp and ending one week prior to the club's first regular season game.

**Section 4. Veteran Per Diem:** Beginning in 1977, a veteran player will receive "per diem" payments at the rate of \$250 per week (\$275 per week in 1978; \$300 per week in 1979; \$325 per week in 1980; and \$350 per week in 1981) commencing with the first day of pre-season training camp and ending with the day before the club's first pre-season game.

**Section 5. 16 and 4:** In the event the clubs make a determination during the term of this Agreement that the number of regular season games will be increased to 16 for subsequent seasons, then during those seasons falling within the term of this Agreement, veteran players will receive "per diem" payments at the rate provided in Section 4 above, plus \$150 per week, commencing with the club's first pre-season game (exclusive of the Canton Hall-of-Fame Game) and ending one week prior to the club's first regular season game (four weeks).

**Section 6. Reporting:** Beginning in 1977, no veteran player, other than quarterbacks and injured players, will be required to report to a club's official pre-season training camp earlier than 15 days (including one day for physical examinations) prior to its first scheduled pre-season game or July 15, whichever is later. The July 15 date will not apply to clubs participating in the Canton Hall-of-Fame Game.

**Section 7. Telephones:** Whenever possible, a player will be permitted to have a telephone in his room at pre-season training camp at his own expense.

**Section 8. Expenses:** Clubs will reimburse all players under contract for reasonable traveling expenses incurred in reaching training camp from the players' residences upon submission of vouchers. There will be no deduction by the clubs for these payments. Players who

are released by club will be reimbursed for their return trips to their residence, upon submission of vouchers.

## ARTICLE XXII

### SALARY MINIMA AND PAYMENT

**Section 1. Definition:** For purposes of this Agreement, a player's "salary" is defined as the rate of payment set forth in paragraph 3 of the Standard Player Contract or paragraph 5 of the NFL Player Contract, as the case may be.

**Section 2. Rookie Minimum:** Upon execution of this Agreement, the minimum salary for a rookie player will be \$15,000 (\$17,000 in 1980 and 1981); the minimum salary for a rookie player who makes his club's Active List at any time during the regular season will be \$20,000 (\$22,000 in 1980 and 1981), including the amount of any signing or reporting bonus and the amount of any performance bonus earned for making the club's Active List at any time during the regular season.

**Section 3. Rookie Payment:** A rookie player will receive his salary in equal weekly or biweekly installments over the course of the regular season commencing with the first regular season game.

**Section 4. Veteran Minima:** Except as provided otherwise in Article XIX, Section 4, on Squad Size, upon execution of this Agreement the minimum salary for veteran players will be \$24,000 (\$26,000 in 1980 and 1981) for a 2nd year player; \$26,000 (\$28,000 in 1980 and 1981) for a 3rd year player; \$28,000 (\$30,000 in 1980 and 1981) for a 4th year player; and \$30,000 (\$32,000 in 1980 and 1981) for a 5th year or more player. The length of service of a veteran player will be determined by crediting one year service for each year the player has been on the Active List of a club for at least three regular season games.

**Section 5. Pre-July 19, 1974:** Subject to Section 7 below, a veteran player who signed a contract for the 1977 or a later season prior to July 19, 1974, will receive 110% of his salary under such contract, 10% to be paid in equal weekly installments commencing with the first pre-season game and ending with the last pre-season game and 100% to be paid in equal weekly or

biweekly installments over the course of the regular season commencing with the first regular season game.

**Section 6. Post-July 19, 1974:** Subject to Section 7 below, a veteran player who signed or signs a contract for the 1977 or a later season on or after July 19, 1974, will receive 10% of his salary in equal weekly installments commencing with the first pre-season game and ending with the last pre-season game, and 90% of his salary in equal weekly or biweekly installments over the course of the regular season commencing with the first regular season game.

**Section 7. 16 and 4:** Sections 5 and 6 above to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event the clubs make a determination during the term of this Agreement that the number of regular season games will be increased to 16 for subsequent seasons, then during those seasons falling within the term of this Agreement, a veteran player will receive 100% of his salary (110% in a contract signed prior to July 19, 1974) in equal weekly or biweekly installments over the course of the regular season commencing with the first regular season game.

**Section 8. Individual Negotiations:** For the term of this Agreement, all NFL players will have the right to individually negotiate salaries above the minima established in this Agreement.

**Section 9. Right to Representation:** An individual player will have the right to have a representative of his choice, other than another active NFL player or someone employed by the NFLPA or an NFL club, to assist him in his individual contract negotiations. A club will negotiate with the player or his representative in good faith; provided, however, that no club will be required to deal on a collective basis with a representative who represents more than one player on that club.

**Section 10. Method of Payment:** This Article in no way invalidates or otherwise affects any deferred compensation arrangement or any other method of payment an individual player may contract for with his club.

**Section 11. 10% Grievance:** A veteran player having signed a Standard Player Contract in 1974 on or after July 19 of that year, who claims that his club abused the intended application of the "10% pre-season, 90% regular season" formula in individual contract negotiations, will have the right to process a non-injury grievance under Article VII of this Agreement, and the



Management Council and the club involved will waive any time limitation which might otherwise bar such a grievance (but no more than 90 days after the execution of this Agreement).

## ARTICLE XXIII

### MEAL ALLOWANCES

Section 1. **Reimbursement:** Beginning in 1977, a player will be reimbursed for meals not furnished by his club on travel days during the pre-season, regular season and post-season as follows: 1977 and 1978—Breakfast \$4.00, Lunch \$6.00, and Dinner \$16.00; 1979 and 1980—Breakfast \$5.00, Lunch \$6.00, and Dinner \$16.00; and 1981—Breakfast \$5.00, Lunch \$6.00, and Dinner \$17.00.

Section 2. **Travel Day:** Each travel day will commence at the time a team leaves its home city and will terminate at the time the team arrives back at its home city. If a team is travelling for a day game and leaves its home city after 2:00 P.M. on the day prior to the game, players will receive dinner money if the team does not eat dinner together. When the pre-game meal on a travel day is after 9:00 A.M., players will receive breakfast money.

## ARTICLE XXIV

### DAYS-OFF

Section 1. **Rate:** Beginning in 1977, all players will be permitted days-off at least at the rate of four per month as determined by the clubs, commencing with the first pre-season game and continuing until the last regular season or post-season game played by the respective clubs.

Section 2. **Requirements:** During the 24-hour period constituting a day-off, any player may be required to undergo medical treatment and quarterbacks may be required to attend coaches' meetings.

## ARTICLE XXV

### MOVING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

Section 1. **Qualification:** Upon the execution of this Agreement, a player qualifying under either of the fol-

lowing categories will receive reimbursement for his and his immediate family's moving and travel expenses, upon presentation of vouchers, in accordance with Section 2 below:

(a) Any veteran player who is traded or claimed at any time during the calendar year, and takes up permanent residence in the city of the club to which he is traded or by which he is claimed before the first regular season game of the subsequent season; or

(b) Any rookie player who is traded or claimed after the start of the regular season, subsequently makes the Active List of the club to which he is traded or by which he is claimed, and takes up permanent residence in the city of the club to which he is traded or by which he is claimed before the first regular season game of the subsequent season.

**Section 2. Reimbursement:** A player who qualifies for reimbursement pursuant to Section 1 above will receive, upon presentation of vouchers, up to the greater of the applicable amounts computed pursuant to Schedule A or B below:

#### SCHEDULE A

Member clubs of the NFL are assigned the following zones:

Zone 1: Philadelphia, New York, Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Atlanta, New England, Miami, Buffalo and Tampa Bay;

Zone 2: Detroit, Chicago, New Orleans, Minnesota, Kansas City, Green Bay, Dallas, Houston, Cincinnati, and St. Louis;

Zone 3: Denver;

Zone 4: San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Oakland and Seattle.

An eligible player will receive up to \$400 if traded to or claimed by a club in the same zone; up to \$800 if traded to or claimed by a club in an adjacent zone; up to \$1,200 if traded to or claimed by a club two zones away; and up to \$1,600 if traded to or claimed by a club three zones away.

#### SCHEDULE B

An eligible player will receive an amount equal to \$1.00 per mile multiplied by the number of miles be-

tween the player's residence and the city of the club to which he is traded or by which he is claimed.

**Section 3. Trip for Wife:** Upon the execution of this Agreement, any veteran player who is traded or claimed at any time during the calendar year or any rookie player who is traded or claimed after the start of the regular season and subsequently makes the Active List of the club to which he is traded or by which he is claimed will receive a first class round-trip air fare for his wife or the equivalent in cash if she does not use the air fare.

**Section 4. Transportation:** Each player who is traded or claimed during the pre-season or regular season will report to the club to which he is traded or by which he is claimed by the fastest available means of transportation. Upon the execution of this Agreement, any veteran player who is traded or claimed during the pre-season or regular season or any rookie player who is traded or claimed after the start of the regular season will receive first class air fare. All other players will be furnished coach air fare.

## ARTICLE XXVI

### PLAY-OFF GAMES

**Section 1. Divisional:** Beginning in the 1977 post-season, each player who at the time of a divisional play-off game is on the Active List, Inactive List, or Injured Reserve List of a club participating in the game will receive \$5,000.

**Section 2. Wild-Card:** In the event the clubs make a determination during the term of this Agreement that in subsequent post-seasons a "wild-card" play-off game will be instituted for each conference, then during those post-seasons falling within the term of this Agreement each player who at the time of a "wild-card" play-off game is on the Active List, Inactive List, or Injured Reserve List of a club participating in the game will receive \$3,000.

**Section 3. Payment:** Players will be paid for a "wild-card" or divisional play-off game within 15 days after the game is played.



## ARTICLE XXVII

### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Section 1. **Compensation:** Beginning with the 1977 post-season, players will receive the following payments with regard to a conference championship game:

(a) A player who at the time of a conference championship game is and has been on the Active List or Inactive List of a club participating in the game for at least three regular season games (including any divisional play-off game) will receive \$9,000.

(b) A player who at the time of a conference championship game is and has been on the Active List or Inactive List of a club participating in the game for less than three regular season games (including any divisional play-off game) will receive \$2,250.

(c) A player who at the time of a conference championship game is not on the Active List or Inactive List of a club participating in the game, but was on the club's Active List or Inactive List for eight or more regular season games (including any divisional play-off game), will receive \$9,000 provided he is not under contract to another club at the time of the game.

(d) A player who at the time of a conference championship game is not on the Active List or Inactive List of a club participating in the game, but was on the club's Active List or Inactive List for at least three and not more than seven regular season games (including any divisional play-off game), will receive \$4,500 provided he is not under contract to another club at the time of the game.

(e) A veteran player who was injured during the regular season and removed from the Active List or Inactive List of a club participating in a conference championship game for reason of injury (and not subsequently activated or released) will receive \$9,000 provided he is not under contract to another club at the time of the game.

(f) A veteran player who was injured during the pre-season and removed from the Active or Inactive List of a club participating in a conference championship game for reason of injury (and not subsequently activated or released) will receive \$4,500 provided he is not under contract to another club at the time of the game.

**Section 2. Payment:** Players will be paid for a conference championship game within 15 days after the game is played.

## **ARTICLE XXVIII**

### **SUPER BOWL GAME**

**Section 1. Compensation:** Beginning with the 1977 post-season, players will receive the following payments with regard to the Super Bowl game:

(a) A player who at the time of the Super Bowl game is and has been on the Active List or Inactive List of a club participating in the game for at least three regular season games (including any divisional play-off and conference championship game) will receive \$18,000 if the club wins the game or \$9,000 if the club loses the game.

(b) A player who at the time of the Super Bowl game is and has been on the Active List or Inactive List of a club participating in the game for less than three regular season games (including any divisional play-off and conference championship game) will receive \$4,500 if the club wins the game and \$2,250 if the club loses the game.

(c) A player who at the time of the Super Bowl game is not on the Active List or Inactive List of a club participating in the game, but was on the club's Active List or Inactive List for eight or more regular season games (including any divisional play-off and conference championship game), will receive \$18,000 if the club wins the game or \$9,000 if the club loses the game, provided he is not under contract to another club at the time of the game.

(d) A player who at the time of the Super Bowl game is not on the Active List or Inactive List of a club participating in the game, but was on the club's Active List or Inactive List for at least three and not more than seven regular season games (including any divisional play-off and conference championship game), will receive \$9,000 if the club wins the game or \$4,500 if the club loses the game, provided he is not under contract to another club at the time of the game.

(e) A veteran player who was injured during the regular season and removed from the Active List or

Inactive List of a club participating in the Super Bowl game for reason of injury (and not subsequently activated or released) will receive \$18,000 if the club wins the game or \$9,000 if the club loses the game, provided he is not under contract to another club at the time of the game.

(f) A veteran player who was injured during the pre-season and removed from the Active List or Inactive List of a club participating in the Super Bowl game for reason of injury (and not subsequently activated or released) will receive \$9,000 if the club wins the game or \$4,500 if the club loses the game, provided he is not under contract to another club at the time of the game.

**Section 2. Payment:** Players will be paid for the Super Bowl game within 15 days after the game is played.

## ARTICLE XXIX

### PRO BOWL GAME

**Section 1. Compensation:** Beginning with the 1977 post-season, each player on the winning team in the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl game will receive \$5,000 and each player on the losing team will receive \$2,500.

**Section 2. Selection:** Beginning with the 1977 post-season, Pro Bowl game players will be chosen on the basis of two votes per club, one by the coaches and one by the players. The player rep will conduct the balloting of the players in accordance with the same procedure used by the NFL for the coaches. The NFLPA will actively cooperate with the NFL to insure participation in the game and prompt reporting by players selected.

**Section 3. Wives:** Airplane, hotel and meal allowances will be provided for players' wives who attend the Pro Bowl game.

**Section 4. Injury:** In the event a player is injured in a Pro Bowl game and as a direct result is unable to perform in any regular season game the immediate following season, the player will be paid by his club the weekly installments of his salary covering the games missed.

**Section 5. Payment:** Players will be paid for the Pro Bowl game within 15 days after the game is played.

## ARTICLE XXX

### GROUP INSURANCE

Section 1. **Life:** Effective with the first regular season game of the 1977 season, group insurance coverage will be increased to \$30,000 for a rookie player, and a veteran player's coverage will be increased by \$5,000 for each Credited Season under the Bert Bell NFL Player Retirement Plan to a maximum of \$50,000.

Section 2. **Major Medical:** Effective with the execution of this Agreement, the group major medical maximum for a player and his family will be increased to \$250,000; and, subject to the \$25 deductible, 80% of the first \$3,000 and 100% of the excess eligible medical expenses for a player will be reimbursed.

Section 3. **Dental:** Effective with the execution of this Agreement, there will be an increase in scheduled dental benefits averaging 35%; the dental maximum will be increased to \$1,000, subject to the \$25 deductible; and orthodontics coverage will be added to the group dental policy.

Section 4. **Other Benefits:** All other group insurance benefits effective during the 1975 season will be continued in effect during the term of this Agreement.

Section 5. **Joint Board:** A Joint Insurance Board will have general administration authority over the group insurance program in accordance with guidelines to be established by that Board.

## ARTICLE XXXI

### RETIREMENT PLAN

Section 1. **Maintenance:** The Bert Bell NFL Player Retirement Plan and Trust Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Plan" and "Trust") will be continued and maintained in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement.

Section 2. **Contributions:** Contributions under the Plan

will be made in the six Plan Years beginning April 1, 1976, and ending March 31, 1982 (except as provided below with respect to the Plan Year beginning April 1, 1976), in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Plan Year Beginning April 1</b>	<b>Annual Contribution</b>
1976 .....	\$7,145,000
1977 .....	7,395,000
1978 .....	7,495,000
1979 .....	7,643,500
1980 .....	8,045,000
1981 .....	8,195,000

Contributions will be used exclusively to provide the benefits of the Plan and to pay for its investment management and administration costs. Subject to Section 4 below, the clubs guarantee that the contribution for the Plan Year beginning April 1, 1976, will be paid into escrow on or before March 31, 1977, the escrow agent being instructed to pay such sum into the Trust on or about May 1, 1977 upon implementation of Article XIII of this Agreement, and that subsequent contributions will be paid into the Trust on or before the last day of each Plan Year thereafter, provided that such contributions are allowable as deductions under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Any contribution not received by the Trustee on or before the date it is due will bear interest from the due date to the date of receipt by the Trustee at an annual rate of 6% interest. It will be the duty of the Retirement Board to pursue all available legal remedies in an effort to assure payment of all contributions due under this Agreement. Contributions in future years will be as provided in the Collective Bargaining Agreement effective during such years, subject to Section 3 below.

**Section 3. 1974 and 1975:** The then-26 clubs guarantee that contributions for the two Plan Years beginning April 1, 1974 and April 1, 1975, respectively, of \$5,200,000 and \$6,250,000, will be paid as a part of the contribution schedule in Section 2 above at the rate of \$515,000 and \$645,000, respectively, or a total of \$1,160,000 annually, to March 31, 1990, provided that such contributions are allowable as deductions under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Any decrease in the number of NFL clubs after the conclusion of the Plan Year ending March 31, 1977,



will decrease the above-stated contributions to the Trust in the ratio that the number of clubs at such time bears to 26.

**Section 4. Number of Clubs:** Any increase or decrease in the number of NFL clubs after the conclusion of the Plan Year ending March 31, 1977, will increase or decrease the contributions to the Trust stated in Section 2 above, less the portions stated in Section 3 above, in the ratio that the number of clubs at such time bears to 28.

**Section 5. Obligations:** The obligations of the clubs hereunder will apply only to the amount of contributions to be made by the clubs to the Plan. The clubs do not guarantee any benefits under the Plan, except as provided under the applicable law. Furthermore, it is agreed that the determination of the sources of revenue that will be used to satisfy the contribution obligation of the clubs will be exclusively within the control of the clubs.

**Section 6. Retirement Board:** The Retirement Board (hereinafter the "Board") will be composed of seven members: three voting members representing the Management Council; three voting members representing the NFLPA; and the Commissioner of the NFL, who will be chairman of the Board but with no vote. The parties agree that it is in the best interests of the Plan and the Plan Beneficiaries that the members of the Board be divorced from the collective bargaining process to the extent possible. The Board will act on all matters by a vote of a majority (four) of voting members, including whether or not to submit any dispute related to the interpretation or application of benefit, eligibility and other administrative provisions of the Plan or Trust Agreement as a non-injury grievance under Article VII of this Agreement. All "substantial issues" as presently defined in Article 8.6 of the Plan will, if not resolved by a vote of a majority (four) of voting members, not be resolved either in accordance with the procedures presently provided in that Article of the Plan or the procedures of Article VII of this Agreement.

**Section 7. Investment:** Fifty percent (50%) of each contribution under the Plan for the six Plan Years beginning April 1, 1976, and ending March 31, 1982, will be invested in fixed income securities, unless the Retirement Board, by a vote of a majority (four) of

voting members, determines otherwise. With respect to assets in the Trust as of March 31, 1977 before the contribution for the Plan Year beginning April 1, 1976, the Board will review the performance of the present investment managers and adopt reasonable investment guidelines at the first meeting following the execution of this Agreement. Present investment guidelines will no longer be in effect as of such meeting. No later than July 15, 1977, the Board will select a single actuary to advise the Board and a single administrator to administer the Plan and Trust. The interest assumption used under the Plan will be 6% per annum unless otherwise determined by a vote of a majority (four) of voting members of the Board.

**Section 8. Amendments:** Subject to the limitations of ERISA, the Retirement Board will, by a vote of a majority (four) of the voting members, promptly amend the Plan (subject to the restrictions contained in Article 8.5 (A) (B) (C) and (E) of the Plan) to provide the following:

(a) **Vesting:** Vesting will be reduced from five to four Credited Seasons for a player who achieves his fourth Credited Season in the 1974 and later seasons.

(b) **Benefits:** An improvement in Benefits for Active and Inactive (Retired) Players for the Plan Years 1968 through 1976.

(c) **Early Payment:** Effective with the amendment of the Plan will be established an early payment benefit whereby a Vested Player may, upon leaving football, request to receive in a lump sum 25% of the present value as of the date of receipt of his Benefit Credits at such date, provided that distribution of such sum will be made to such player no earlier than the third game of the regular season next following his leaving football. Said request will be acted upon by a Committee of the Retirement Board consisting exclusively of the voting members representing the NFLPA. After appropriate communication with the Vested Player, if such Committee determines in its sole and absolute discretion that such distribution would be in the Vested Player's best interest, then such distribution will be made. The remaining 75% of the present value of the earned Benefit Credits will be payable in monthly installments beginning at age 55, unless the player elects to receive the remaining 75% in the form of a reduced Early

Retirement benefit beginning at age 45 or an increased Deferred Retirement Benefit no later than age 65.

(d) **Total and Permanent Disability:** Effective with the amendment of the Plan, in the event of Total and Permanent Disability, the benefit will be the benefit earned to the date of disability, subject to a minimum of \$1,000 per month if the disability results from a football injury incurred while an active player or \$500 per month if the disability results from other than a football injury. In addition, \$50 per month for each dependent child will be payable during the period of both types of disability.

(e) **Widow's and Survivor Benefits:** Effective with the amendment of the Plan, in the event of death or remarriage of a widow, present Widow's Benefit payments subject to a minimum of \$300 per month will continue to any surviving children until one of the children last reaches age 19 (or, age 23 if in college), or continuously if any child is mentally or physically incapacitated. Players active in the 1977 season and thereafter will be entitled to a minimum Widow's Benefit of \$1,000 per month payable for 48 months following the date of death; thereafter, survivor benefits will be payable as stated above.

(f) **Line-Of-Duty:** Effective with the amendment of the Plan, the Line-Of-Duty Disability Benefit will be subject to a minimum of \$250 per month.

(g) **Early Retirement Reduction Factor:** The early retirement reduction factor currently in use under the Plan may not be increased.

**Section 9. Conformance:** The Plan and Trust will be amended to conform to the provisions of this Agreement and any requirements of ERISA. All other provisions of the Plan and Trust will remain unchanged, unless duly amended by the Retirement Board.

**Section 10. Reopener:** In the event any contribution under this Article is not made on or before the date it is due because it is not allowable as a deduction under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the NFLPA may reopen this Agreement, upon the giving of 10 days written notice, with reference solely to the issue of the Retirement Plan, and the parties will have an obligation to resume negotiations limited to the issue of the Retirement Plan, and both parties will be free

to engage in whatever concerted action may be permitted by law in support of their positions.

## ARTICLE XXXII

### TERMINATION PAY

**Section 1. 14 and 6:** Beginning in 1977, any player who has completed the season in which his fourth year or more of Credited Service under the Bert Bell NFL Player Retirement Plan has been earned, and is released from the Active List or Injured Reserve List (or Inactive List if player was moved from the Active List) of his club after the commencement of the regular season schedule, but prior to the Thursday before the seventh regular season game, is entitled to claim and receive, after the end of the regular season schedule, termination pay in an amount equal to the unpaid balance of the initial 50% of his salary, exclusive of deferred compensation, but not less than an amount equal to one week's salary, up to a maximum of \$5,000; provided, however, that (a) a player will not be entitled to such termination pay if he has signed a contract with another club for that same season; and (b) a player will not be entitled to such termination pay more than once during his playing career in the NFL.

**Section 2. 16 and 4:** In the event the clubs make a determination during the term of this Agreement that the number of regular season games will be increased to 16 for subsequent seasons, then during those seasons falling within the term of this Agreement, any player who has completed the season in which his fourth year or more of Credited Service under the Bert Bell NFL Player Retirement Plan has been earned, and is released from the Active List or Injured Reserve List (or Inactive List if player was moved from the Active List) of his club after the commencement of the regular season schedule, but prior to the Thursday before the eighth regular season game, is entitled to claim and receive, after the end of the regular season schedule, termination pay in an amount equal to the unpaid balance of the initial 50% of his salary, but not less than an amount equal to one week's salary, up to a maximum of \$5,000; provided, however, that (a) a player will not be entitled to such termination pay if he has signed a con-

tract with another club for that same season; and (b) a player will not be entitled to such termination pay more than once during his playing career in the NFL.

**Section 3. One Week:** Beginning in 1977, any player who otherwise qualifies for termination pay under Section 1 or 2 above, but is released during the regular season after the time he would be entitled to the unpaid balance of the initial 50% of his salary, will receive termination pay in an amount equal to one week's salary, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

## ARTICLE XXXIII

### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

**Section 1. Benefits:** In any states where Workmen's Compensation coverage is not compulsory, a club will either voluntarily obtain coverage under the compensation laws of that state or otherwise guarantee equivalent benefits to its players. In the event that a player qualifies for benefits under this section, such benefits will be equivalent to those benefits paid under the workmen's compensation law of the state in which his club is located.

**Section 2. Rejection of Coverage:** Nothing herein stated is to be interpreted as preventing a club, which has the legal right to do so, from rejecting coverage under the workmen's compensation law of its state. However, if a club elects to reject coverage under the workmen's compensation law of its state, it must nevertheless guarantee benefits to its players in the manner previously prescribed in Section 1 above. Moreover, any club may be excluded from those laws if it elects to do so. However, such a club will be obligated to guarantee benefits to its players in the manner previously prescribed in Section 1 above.

## ARTICLE XXXIV

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Section 1. Endorsements:** No club may arbitrarily refuse to permit a player to endorse a product.

**Section 2. Appearances:** No club may unreasonably require a player to appear on radio or television.



**Section 3. Promotion:** The NFLPA will use its best efforts to see that the players cooperate with the clubs and the news media in reasonable promotional activities on behalf of the clubs and the NFL. The Management Council and the clubs will not unreasonably interfere with NFLPA-sponsored promotional events and such events will be submitted to the Joint Committee for recommendation.

**Section 4. Deductions:** The involuntary deduction of amounts from any compensation due to a player for the purpose of compensating any club house personnel or any other club attache is prohibited.

**Section 5. Public Statements:** The NFLPA and the Management Council agree that each will use its best efforts to curtail public comments by club personnel or players which express criticism of any club, its coach or its operation and policy, or which tend to cast discredit upon a club, a player or any other person involved in the operation of a club, the NFL, the Management Council, or the NFLPA.

**Section 6. Addresses:** The Management Council will furnish upon request to the NFLPA address and telephone lists to the extent available covering all players who are under contract to the clubs. These lists will be furnished as of October 1 for in-season and January 1 for off-season. As of the first pre-season cutdown date, the Management Council will provide to the NFLPA employment dates for all players who are then under contract to the clubs.

**Section 7. NFLPA Tickets:** Two complimentary tickets will be made available to the NFLPA to permit attendance at each regularly scheduled League game by authorized NFLPA representatives. The NFLPA will provide a list of authorized persons to the Management Council. The NFLPA must notify the home club of its desire to attend such a game at least three days prior to the date of the game. NFLPA representatives must possess appropriate identification.

**Section 8. Player Tickets:** Two complimentary tickets will be made available to each player for each home game of his club. Each player will be afforded the opportunity to purchase two tickets for each away game from the best tickets available for public sale immediately prior to the public sale for each game.

**Section 9. Tests:** No psychological or personality tests

will be given to any player after he signs his first contract with an NFL club. A player is entitled to review the results of his psychological or personality tests upon request.

**Section 10. Club Files:** All club personnel files relating to a player, except scouting, coaching, and attorney-client privileged material, will be open during reasonable times to inspection by the player or his designated representative.

**Section 11. League Security:** The NFLPA and the Management Council will meet with the Commissioner's Counsel and discuss the guidelines utilized in League security investigations.

## ARTICLE XXXV

### RETENTION OF BENEFITS

**Section 1. Individual Benefits:** Except as may be provided otherwise in this Agreement, any player currently employed or employed after February 1, 1974, will receive the benefits set forth herein for the term of this Agreement.

**Section 2: Group Benefits:** No direct financial benefit granted by any club to its players as a group during the life of, but apart from, the 1968 Collective Bargaining Agreement, the 1968 AFL Memorandum of Agreement, or the 1970 Collective Bargaining Agreement may be reduced during the term of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE XXXVI

### DURATION OF AGREEMENT

**Section 1. Effective Date:** This Agreement will be effective as of February 1, 1974, except as specifically provided otherwise in this Agreement.

**Section 2. Termination Date:** Except as specifically provided otherwise in this Agreement, this Agreement will terminate on July 15, 1982, unless extended by written agreement of the NFLPA and the Management Council.

**Section 3. Stipulation and Settlement Agreement:** If the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in the Alex-

**ander** case does not receive court approval by the Federal District Court of Minnesota, or if, following such court approval, the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement becomes null and void for any reason provided for therein or otherwise agreed upon by the signatories thereto, or if the continued operation of Article XIII or XV of this Collective Bargaining Agreement is effectively enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction, then this Agreement, at the option of either party hereto, may be terminated upon the giving of written notice of termination. It is understood between the parties that, upon such termination, all rights, duties, obligations, and privileges of the parties provided for hereunder will cease to be effective; provided, however, that employment practices and procedures already followed pursuant to this Agreement and benefits already paid pursuant to this Agreement will be accepted as fully effective and agreed to between the parties for the period preceding such termination.

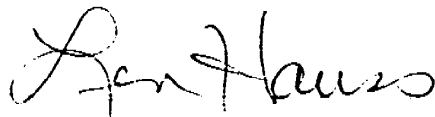
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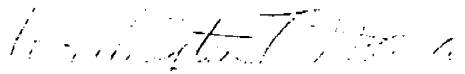
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BY WELLINGTON T.  
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## **APPENDIX B**

### **CHECK-OFF AUTHORIZATION FOR NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS ASSOCIATION DEDUCTIONS**

I hereby authorize and direct my present club, or any other National Football League club by which I may be employed as a player in the future to deduct from my salary and to pay the National Football League Players Association any initiation fee, annual membership dues, or the required service fee, in the amounts from time to time certified by the National Football League Players Association to the club as properly authorized for each year of the operation of this authorization.

- ☐ I direct that any initiation fee and the annual dues be deducted beginning on either the 30th day following the beginning of my employment as a player in the National Football League, or the commencement of the 1977 pre-season training camp, whichever is later.
- ☐ I direct that the annual service fee in the same amount as any initiation fee and the annual dues required of members of the National Football League Players Association be deducted on either the 30th day following the beginning of my employment as a player in the National Football League, or the commencement of the 1977 pre-season training camp, whichever is later.

The foregoing authorized deductions are to be checked-off annually in equal weekly or biweekly installments from each pre-season and regular season pay check, beginning with the first pay check after the date of the first pre-season squad cutdown. The club will forward such deductions within seven days of each check-off to the National Football League Players Association, 1300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

This check-off authorization is irrevocable for a period of one year or until the expiration date of the currently effective collective bargaining agreement between the National Football League Players Association, the National Football League Management Council and the Member Clubs of the National Football League, whichever date occurs first, and I agree and direct that this

authorization shall be automatically renewed and shall be irrevocable for successive periods of one year each, or for the period of each succeeding collective bargaining agreement between the National Football League Players Association, the National Football League Management Council and the Member Clubs of the National Football League, whichever shall be shorter, unless written notice is given by me to the National Football League Players Association and the club not more than twenty (20) and not less than ten (10) days prior to the expiration of each period of one year or of each collective bargaining agreement between the National Football League Players Association, the National Football League Management Council and the Member Clubs of the National Football League, whichever occurs sooner.

Date

Signature

Player's Name—Type or Print



## **APPENDIX C**

### **PROCEDURE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNION SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NFL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND THE NFLPA**

On this day, March 1, 1977, the Management Council and the NFLPA have entered into a collective bargaining agreement ("Agreement") which includes Article IV containing a union security clause. To the extent permitted by federal and applicable state laws, the parties hereby agree to enforce the union security clause contained in Article IV, Section 1 of the Agreement according to the following procedure:

Upon written notification to the PCRC by the NFLPA that a player has not paid any initiation fee, dues or the equivalent service fee in violation of Article IV, Section 1, the PCRC will within seven days consider the matter. If there is no resolution of the matter within seven days, then the club will, upon notification of the NFLPA, suspend the player without pay. Such suspension will continue until the NFLPA has notified the club in writing that the suspended player has satisfied his obligation as contained in Article IV, Section 1 of the Agreement. The parties hereby agree that suspension without pay is adopted as a substitute for and in lieu of discharge as the penalty for a violation of the union security clause of the Agreement and that no player will be discharged for a violation of that clause. The player's contract will be tolled during the period of any such suspension. A copy of all notices required by this "Procedure for the Enforcement of the Union Security Agreement Between the NFL Management Council and the NFLPA" will be simultaneously mailed to the player involved and the Management Council.

It is further agreed that the term "member in good standing" as used in Article IV of the Agreement applies only to payment of dues or initiation fee and not any other factors involved in union discipline.

It is further agreed that Agreement on Article II relating to Scope of Agreement, Article III relating to No Strike/Lockout/Suit, and Article XXXVI relating to Duration of Agreement notwithstanding, that if at

any time in the term of the Agreement, any court or agency shall wholly or partially invalidate the provisions of Article IV of the Agreement relating to Union Security, then the NFLPA may reopen this Agreement upon the giving of 10 days' written notice, with reference solely to the issue of Union Security, and the parties will have an obligation to resume negotiations limited to the issue of Union Security, and both parties will be free to engage in whatever concerted action may be permitted by law in support of their positions.

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## APPENDIX D

### CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in the *Alexander v. NFL* class action referred to in Article XXXVI, Section 3 of the Agreement provides for payments to class members totalling \$13,675,000 over a ten-year period. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, Notice to Class Members, and other relevant documents may be obtained through the NFLPA office in Washington, D.C.